



#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 71084

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

- 1. This is a request for filing a:
  - (X) Continuation Application Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)

of pending prior application no. <u>09/700,598</u> filed on <u>November 16, 2000</u> for <u>BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT</u> wherein the inventors are:

Olaf ABELS Klaus BRÖKER

Using the enclosed specification of 17 pages and 27 claims.

The entire disclosure of the above mentioned pending prior application, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 2. Prior Application Information: Examiner: <u>Ernesto Garcia</u> Group/Art Unit: <u>3679</u>
- 3. X The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT							
	<u>FILED</u>	<u>EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE</u>			
Total claims	27	. 7	\$18/\$9	\$126.00			
Independent Claims	3	0	\$84/\$42	\$0.00			

Multiple Dependant Claims No

Basic Filing Fee:

\$<u>750.00</u>

Total Filing Fee:

\$876.00

	<u>A</u>	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-0410.					
5.	<u>X</u>	A Request to Charge Deposit Account in the amount of \$ 876.00 is enclosed.					
6.	_	Cancel claims					
7.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/700,598 filed November 16, 2000, and the entire disclosure of this prior application is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein					
8.	<u>X</u>	Formal drawings are enclosed. [Total Sheets: 9]					
9.	<u>X</u> .	The prior application is assigned to <u>ZF Lemforder Metallwaren AG</u> , as recorded under Reel <u>011444</u> and Frame <u>0945</u> . A copy of this assignment is enclosed and this assignment carries over to the present application.					
10.	<u>X</u>	Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 3]					
	a.	Newly Executed (original or copy)					
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	b.	X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))					
11.	b. <u>X</u>						
	<u>X</u>	Any Convention priority claimed in the parent application is hereby claimed for this					
12.	<u>X</u>	Any Convention priority claimed in the parent application is hereby claimed for this application.  A preliminary amendment is attached.					
12. 13.	<u>X</u> _	Any Convention priority claimed in the parent application is hereby claimed for this application.  A preliminary amendment is attached.  Small Entity status as claimed in the parent application is still proper and hereby					
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Applicant

: ABELS et al.

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For :

**BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT** 

Art Unit

3679

Examiner

Ernesto Garcia

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## REQUEST TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

In the above matter The United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested to charge deposit account 13-0410 as follows:

\$750.00 for basic filing fee - utility under fee code 1001; and

\$126.00 for filing 7 claims in excess of 20 under fee code 1202.

Respectfully submitted for Applicant,

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Sir:

Attached please find the complete application papers and large entity fees in the aboveidentified application which are being placed in the U.S. Mail today, July 31, 2003, as Express Mail number EV323630674US.

A copy of the Express Mail receipt is also attached.

Respectfully submitted for Applicant(s),

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Enclosures

- Complete Application Papers and Fees

- Copy of Express Mail Receipt

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